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COMING EVENTS

J a n 4 Joint installation of officers of K P Lodge and Pythian Sisters.

J a n 4 Thursday Afternoon Club Meeting; address by Mrs George Barry.

J a n 5 Meeting of P. T. A. at Cerritos Ave School.

J a n 11 Joint installation of officers of Post and Corps at G. A. R. Hall.

J a n 12 P. E. O. Meeting at home of Mrs Charles Phillips.
Topic: "The Women of Germany."

J a n 17 Kensington Club meets at home of Mrs. Ripley.

J a n 19 Meeting of Mothers' Club of Acacia School.

J a n 31 Meeting of U and I Club at the home of Mrs Edwin Virden.

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And now comes Benjamin Ide Wheeler with a report to the Governor on the rise in the cost of living.

He says: "A steady enhancement of prices has been going on for nearly twenty years. It is apparent that the man living on a salary is standing in quicksand and that the value of his salary is continually oozing away from under his feet."

He does not attempt to point out a way by which the cost of living can be reduced—apparently is hopeless of remedy, but he makes it a text for a plea to the Governor and the State for an increase in the salaries of University Professors, of ten to twelve per cent.

No one will quarrel with the suggestion if the State can afford it, but California is carrying a heavier burden of taxation than most of the states in the Union. We are spending annually for schools now, \$36,000,000, and the per capita cost of higher education is relatively considerably higher than the per capita cost of the common schools owing to expensive equipment and expensive instructors.

Who is going to give the ten or

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twelve per cent increase to other salaried men who are plain ordinary citizens struggling like the professors with the high cost of living yet who will be taxed their proportion of the ten or twelve per cent advance granted the professors, if it is granted? The employers of these average men, like themselves, are caught in the net of advancing prices. If they manufacture, their raw materials cost them more and they have to sell at an advanced figure, but the margin of difference out of which they pay their employees, is not increased.

Perhaps if the government succeeds in advancing the wages of railway employees by fiat, it may extend its benevolent authority to all the employed of the United States. In that event, who in the end, will pay the piper?

FOR TROPICO

New Year resolutions seem to have gone out. If they were still the custom and could be conscientiously carried out, how much might be accomplished for our little municipality if every citizen would register the resolution to do something for Tropico during 1917. It would not need to be spectacular. The most effective results are generally produced by insignificant agencies which work quietly. We cannot all be members of the City Council, School Trustees or Presidents of Clubs, but we can think about the welfare of Tropico and help along any movement for her betterment. There is an old song which runs something like this:

"If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rolling o'er the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet,
You can stand among the sailors
Anchored yet within the bay,
You can lend a hand to help them
As they launch their boats away."
That little verse comes pretty near a definition of the service of good citizenship.

The Band's New Year's eve party was declared to be a huge success. It lasted well into the new year.

The records of Tropico's Building Inspector show that permits for 1916 totaled \$37638 against \$53153 in 1915.

P. E. EMPLOYEES HAPPY

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She was especially impatient to be thus laid low at this time because Saturday was the day set for the meeting of club representatives named at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon to devise a plan for a club campaign to promote the consumption of "Made in California" products. This committee meeting promised to be the fruition of months of work on the part of Mrs. Bancroft. Prominent members of that committee are: Mrs. Seward Simon, President of the Friday Morning Club; Mrs. Ashcroft, President of the Los Angeles Ebell; Mrs. Lloyd Harmon, District Federation President; Miss Merrill, President of the Teachers' Club; Mrs. Noble, President of the Los Angeles Parent-Teacher Association.

Nelson C. Burch is up and out again—up from a long period of rack-ing pain into a season of blessed idleness and convalescence as he puts it. He says he is loath to leave this aspiring burg and would gladly linger longer with his many friends it holds and whom he takes this occasion to thank for their numerous tokens of kindness and cheer so effectively bearing him up through his long hours of suffering.

61ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sixty-one years of happy wedded life does not fall to the lot of many men and women, and when it can be celebrated by a big circle of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, all living near the family homestead, its importance is emphasized. Such has been the fortunate experience of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chandler of Cypress avenue, who were married on New Year's night sixty-one years ago.

The Chandler clan now numbers thirty-one and represents four generations. They gathered Monday evening in the hospitable Chandler home which is always equal to all demands made upon it. The youngsters were given a room to themselves while their elders gathered in the parlor around the fine organ at which Mr. Peckham presided. A double quartette made up of the four generations was presently singing the old songs they all knew and loved. Then the host, C. C. Chandler, had to give his favorite as a solo, "Sweet Beulah Land" and Mrs. Chandler yielded to importunities and sang "The Song of the Colors" which she learned sixty years ago in far way Massachusetts. Mrs. Neil Chandler, who is a beautiful whistler, from time to time accompanied the singers. Little Bessie and Divina Wood sang Scotch songs and danced the Highland Fling for the entertainment of the company. The only disappointment was the absence of Lawrence Oscar Chandler, who is operating a hotel on the Ridge Road and who is snowed in there at present.

The rooms were profusely decorated with roses, carnations and asparagus ferns, and as usual at Chandler functions, delicious and bountiful refreshments were served. The guest list included:

E. Marion Bales, Mrs. E. M. Bales, David G. Crofton, Jr., Emily Ellias, John N. Smalley, C. H. Peckham, Bessie Wood, Gladys Peckham, Lillian L. Peckham, Mrs. E. S. Barnes, Alphonso L. Chandler, Kenneth Kinne, Mrs. C. C. Chandler, Mrs. P. B. Chandler, Lyman D. Balkeno, P. B. Chandler, Joseph Johnson, Francis Peckham, Lucile Barnes, Lewis C. Barnes, C. Allison Kinne, Fleta L. Kinne, Mrs. Neil Chandler, Mr. Neil Chandler, McNaughton Barnes, Jessie M. Barnes, Pliny Barnes, E. Bert Ellias, Mrs. E. B. Ellias, Master Vassar Peck-

ham, C. C. Chandler, Alameda Kinne, Mrs. M. M. Cole, Miss Helen Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Weston and family, Divina Wood.

The Kensington Club will hold its next meeting January 17th at the home of Mrs. Ripley of La Brae Court.

Last Saturday morning Mr. Edward Weson took a party of boys and girls to the childrens' matinee at the Little Theatre in Los Angeles. His guests were Jeanette and Joseph Seaman, Neville Richardson and Chandler Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weston and Mrs. John Seaman attended the Russian ballet two night last week, and report that it was simply wonderful.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ayers of 419 North Central avenue entertained last Wednesday afternoon and evening in celebration of the golden wedding. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and smilax and a delightful musical program was furnished by the four-piece orchestra of which Mrs. Ed Ayers is leader. Old friends, neighbors and relatives to the number of one hundred or more came to congratulate host and hostess and to renew old friendships with each other. A grandson, Marion Banker, his wife and two babies who came all the way from the Samoan Islands to participate in the celebration, were guests of special interest. Mr. Banker belongs to the U. S. Navy and has been in charge of one of the navy dispensaries there. He brought his grandparents a very interesting collection

of curios from the islands. Their son Nelson Ayers, of Los Angeles was ill and unable to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ayers and son were there, also Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moser and their sons Merton and Robert. Mrs. Ayers was assisted in receiving by her old friend Miss Alice Dewey of Pasadena. Though the invitations bore the prohibition "No Presents," Mr. and Mrs. Ayers were the recipients of some beautiful golden gifts from friends who refused to be bound by the instructions.

Wedding refreshments were served but not until Rev. O. P. Rider had again performed the marriage rite by a ceremony adapted to the occasion.

POST AND CORPS

At the last meeting of the W. R. C. a new treasurer was elected to take the place of Mrs. Elizabeth Friedgen, Treasurer elect, resigned. Mrs. Louise Purnell was elected. A Christmas tree featured the dinner party for the old soldiers, and a very nice musical and literary entertainment was provided.

A joint installation of Post and Corps officers will take place January 11th, the Post ceremonies being held in the morning, those of the Corps in the afternoon. Theodore Kanouse of Los Angeles will be the installing officer for the Post, and Mrs. Adelaide Imler will serve the Corps in a similar capacity.

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OLD FOLKS PARTY

The Junior League's party for the old folks at the Social Hall of the Methodist church last Friday evening was such a success that it is to be made an annual event of Christmas week and it will be entirely undenominational.

The guests, who were all over sixty, declare they haven't had such a good time in years. Nearly fifty participated. Songs and recitations by members of the League furnished the first part of the program. Then the young hosts and hostesses announced it was their turn to be entertained. Accordingly six different quartettes were organized by the guests who sang in competition for a prize. The League passed judgement upon the performances basing its award on both the song and the merits of the singers.

The repertoire of the quartettes included: "Old Black Joe," "Juanita," "Tipperary," "The Good Old Summer Time," and "Marching Through Georgia." "Old Black Joe" took the prize, 4 sticks of candy which winners generously offered to share with their defeated competitors. Automobiles called for two of the guests, the rest came without assistance.

METHODIST XMAS TREE

A big attendance rewarded the Sunday school committees who had prepared the Christmas entertainment for last Sunday evening at the Methodist church. There was a Christmas tree with goodies for the small boys and girls and gifts were brought by the various classes to be sent to children in the Fifth Street Mission, Los Angeles. The program of music and recitations was pronounced one of the finest the school has ever enjoyed.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church met at the church Tuesday for an all day meeting to tie comforters on an order for a Glendale store.

Mr. O. Dennison of 221 Mira Loma, one of the veterans of the local post, has been ill for two weeks with a heavy cold but is now able to be about.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. H. W. Butts of Tropico avenue has had the pleasure of entertaining a sister from El Paso during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Esther Jones has been spending the holidays with friends.

Miss Florence Martin spent New Years with friends in Pasadena.

The Yeomen Lodge will have a business session Friday evening of the present week in their lodge rooms on San Fernando Road.

Mr. Spear of Grace Court suffered the rupture of a blood vessel in his head about a week ago. He lost his hearing and has been very ill, but is better and is now able to sit up.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor McClain of Moline, Illinois, who arrived in Southern California about two weeks ago, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Crane of Glendale avenue and their family. The McClains are spending the winter in Los Angeles and have fallen in love with Tropico.

Mr. James Brown, head of the sales department of the Los Angeles Wholesale Drug Company, but who resides on Glendale avenue, Tropico, has been quite ill of gripe.

Last Friday evening about thirty relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carpi, who have returned from their wedding trip, surprised them at their home at 301 Glendale avenue. They were made very welcome however, and hospitably entertained with cigars and refreshments. The wedding presents of the happy couple were inspected with much interest and a very pleasant but informal social evening was enjoyed.

Mrs. Glen Craig is recovering after an illness lasting more than a week.

Mr. N. C. Burch informs us that the insurance companies he represents—the German American and Boston—have presented his customers with a New Year's gift of a reduction of fire insurance hereafter written in Tropico. For example, the three-year term rate on dwellings, B class, is 70 cents instead of 80 cents on the \$100. The one year rate is 35 cents in place of 40 cents on the \$100.

Last Saturday the seven girls in the Sunday School Class of Miss Carol Duncan had a little party at the home of their teacher. A part of the afternoon was devoted to work on the Quarterlies. Then there were games and refreshments. The guests were: Mae Sullivan, Margaret Richardson, Evelyn Horning, June Goto, Ethel Burke, Mida Butler, Harriet Wood.

Mrs. Cook of Brand and Eulalia, charmingly entertained at a Christmas dinner party, featured with Christmas decorations and favors. Her guests were: Mrs. A. L. Bancroft and Mr. and Mrs. Street of Tropico, and Mr. and Mrs. Randall of Los Angeles.

Little Doris Cook is the happy possessor of several electric novelties brought by Santa Claus, one of which is an electric stove which bakes and boils as well as a grown up cook stove.

The Round Table Girls will meet January 9th at the home of Olive Moffatt.

The P. E. O. meeting of January 12th will be held at the home of St. Charles Phillips on San Fernando Road instead of with Mrs. Mabry.

The girls of the Philathea Class of the Presbyterian church had a delightful social evening last Thursday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Rider.

Mr. Edmond Busser, who is a student in the University of California, has come down from Berkeley to spend a part of the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Charles Phillips of San Fernando Road.

About twenty young people were entertained informally Christmas night at the home of the Misses Snell on Eulalia street. Stories told in the firelight were a feature of the evening's entertainment.

Francis Bacon suffered a slight injury New Year's morning when a dog ran in front of his wheel, and tipped him off. A bruised arm is the only hurt reported.

The home of E. Heide on East Cypress was the scene of a New Year's eve party enjoyed by about sixteen young people who faithfully performed the last rites for 1916 and then welcomed his successor.

The Art and Travel Section of the Tuesday Afternoon club will meet Monday afternoon, January 8th, at the home of the curator, Mrs. Charles Turck on North Glendale avenue. In fancy the members will visit beautiful Capri and Sorrento and Bositano, will take a trip around the bay, stopping at Amalfi, driving to Naples and there taking a train for the Eternal City.

Mr. C. E. McPeck, the Glendale plumber, confirms other reports of general business prosperity. He says that his trade for 1916 was 50 per cent better than that of 1915, and he is very hopeful regarding 1917. He is making changes in his Broadway salesroom to accommodate an increased stock.

Mrs. Louis Coole entertained Tuesday evening with a small dinner party.

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The Junior Hop last Friday night was one of the largest parties ever held in Masonic Temple and was a very successful affair both socially and financially. Green and white, the class colors, featured the decorations beautifully worked out with ferns, asparagus plumosus, flowers and streamers. There were students from U. S. C. as well as Union High boys and girls. The girls wore new, bright colored frocks especially prepared for the occasion, the boys were in their best form, and everybody had a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Coole were host and hostess at a New Year's eve party which watched the old year out. Refreshments were delayed until Master 1917 had made his bow. The guest list included Misses Katherine Lord, Katherine and Dorothy Hobbs, Pauline Hamilton and Amy Miller, Messrs. Noble Ripley, Montgomery Coole, James Shea, and Wayne Smith.

Friends of Mr. A. H. Donecken of 205 Tropico avenue will be glad to learn that he has recovered the Masonic jewelry lost by him the Sunday before Christmas. In his haste to board a car he left a box containing the jewelry on the seat of the shelter station at Tropico avenue. After he had about abandoned hope of ever seeing it again, though his loss had been advertised in various ways and a reward offered, it was returned to him from Calexico.

Mrs. Donecken has been very ill of grippe, but is recuperating.

Mr. Norton, who has had charge of the oil station at the corner of San Fernando Road and Tropico avenue and who has been ill for weeks, is reported slightly better.

Mr. Paul Gilmore, who is now located in Taft, and who returned to Tropico to attend the funeral of Dick Edwards, went back last Saturday. His daughter Sadie, left Sunday and will spend the winter with her father in Taft. Before going she enrolled as a member of the Yeomen Lodge.

Mr. Baer, proprietor of the macaroon bakery on North Glendale avenue, has a bad case of grippe.

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P. E. STATION

The following letter from the president of the Pacific Electric Railroad gives the reasons why no station will be built at present on Brand Boulevard:

Los Angeles, Cal. December 28, 1916.
Board of Trustees of the City of Trop-
ico,
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Gentlemen:—

Beg to acknowledge receipt of copy of resolution dated December 19th, requesting this Company to erect a passenger and freight station at Brand Boulevard and Cypress street, in Tropico.

Following is statement of revenue from less than car load freight delivered at Tropico for year October, 1915 to September 1916: October 1915, \$1.04; November 1915, \$1.75; December 1915, \$2.15; January 1916, \$2.08; February 1916, \$4.13; March 1916, \$3.30; April 1916, \$2.50; May 1916, \$6.19; June 1916, \$2.26; July 1916, \$1.03; August 1916, \$5.72; September 1916, \$13.75. Total \$45.90.

Revenue for outbound does not near equal the revenue for inbound freight.

Some time ago this Company purchased a lot at the corner of Cypress street and Brand boulevard for use in connection with right of way for the proposed Glendale Loop, but it was never intended to build a freight and passenger station on the same, as there is not sufficient traffic to warrant the expense.

The distance between Cypress street and Tropico avenue, which is our first stop south, is only 430 feet. For this reason a stop should not be established at Cypress street, and of course the station would not be of any benefit there without a stop. If we were to establish a stop at Cypress street there would be no good reason for not establishing stops at all cross streets along Brand Boulevard when requests are made, and this would mean an increase to the running time between Los Angeles and Tropico, as well as Glendale, it would not be to the best interests of this Company or our patrons.

The fact of the matter is, if we were to build a station at Cypress street and establish a stop at that location, the only way to induce our patrons to use the station would be to discontinue the stop at Tropico avenue, which would compel them to

walk to Cypress street. Furthermore, our lot is on the east side of the Tropico-Glendale Line, which is the wrong location for a passenger station, as passengers would be required to cross the tracks to board our cars. The only time the station would be used would be when passengers destined to Los Angeles were waiting for our trains. When outbound trains arrive at Tropico our patrons would not use the station, as they would go immediately to their homes.

For the above reasons regret to advise that we cannot consistently comply with your request.

Your very truly,

PAUL SHOUP.

A STURDY AUTO

Mr. and Mrs. John Richey of Rupert, Idaho, took their courage in both hands and journeyed some 800 miles by auto to spend Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Fry on Gardena avenue. They left in a storm and did not see the sun until Christmas day. Twice was their windshield shattered, and their back window blew out. In the last forty miles they had 5 punctures, but their sturdy little car brought them through in good shape and they are in love with California.

Theirs is a Ford car and this trip has given them a new respect for it and appreciation of its many good qualities.

B. & B. STORE NEWS

The Sentinel was much astonished to learn that the pumpkin so long displayed in the B. & B. store when cut yielded 623 seeds. They were counted by Messrs. Hapgood, Fairfield and McFeeters. Seven guessers hit the right number, but the first to register according to the date on the slip, was Mrs. George Tauxe, to whom was awarded first prize. The other six were Elizabeth Allen, Mr. R. A. Ott, K. D. Small, D. M. Street, Quong Lee and Dora L. Howe. Every night during the contest the box was emptied and the guesses stamped with the date, a considerable task which was performed by Mrs. Butts.

Mr. Butts declared his holiday trade was 20 per cent better than a year ago and much more satisfactory in that it began a week before Christmas and kept up steadily.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All members were present when the Board was called to order by President Peters. Also present were representatives of the Southern California Gas Company, Mr. Prothero being spokesman. Before the meeting came to order he talked informally with members of the Board relative to the demand for laying gas mains on Hill and Green streets to serve four consumers.

Pacific Electric Station

Under the head of communications the Clerk read a letter addressed to the Board by Paul Shoup, president of the P. E. Company, declining to grant its request to erect a passenger and freight station at Brand Boulevard and Cypress street, which letter is published elsewhere in this issue. On motion of Trustee Henry, the communication was ordered placed on file.

State Compensation Insurance

A letter from the State Compensation Insurance Fund enclosing policy for renewal at \$46.55, was read and ordered placed on file.

Extension Wanted

A communication from Contractor Schelling asking for an extension of thirty days on Hill street job to allow for the laying of gas and water pipes before completion of the street, was read, and the extension granted.

Gas Hearing

Mr. Prothero, on behalf of the Southern California Gas Company, then handed the Board his personal file of correspondence with the State Railroad Commission relative to the extension of gas mains on Hill and Green streets, which correspondence showed that the Commission ruled that the number of consumers was not sufficient to justify the Commission in ordering the Company to incur the expense of putting in the mains, which he stated had been figured by the engineers of the gas company and of the Commission at about \$350. Mr. Mudgett challenged the estimate and said he would undertake to furnish the pipe for 20c a foot. He argued that the water company had laid a 4-inch main without a demur, and the electric company had put in poles and wires without a protest. If

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these other corporations could afford to cheerfully serve the few customers in that locality, he thought the gas company should be willing to make the investment. The residents, he said, had invested \$12,000 to \$15,000 in improvements in the expectation of having gas, and he thought they were entitled to consideration and some relief from the Board. Members explained that they would cheerfully order the mains laid if they had the authority vested in the Railroad Commission. When appealed to for a compromise proposition, Mr. Prothero stated the Company would gladly lay the main if customers would agree to carry a part of the investment until the consumption should reach a point which would justify the outlay. Mrs. Thompson, another property owner, indorsed Mr. Mudgett's presentation and joined him in expressing a willingness to consider any reasonable compromise. Mr. Prothero then said he would prepare a proposition for immediate submission to Mr. Mudgett and the Council in the hope that it would be accepted and the main could be laid before Mr. Schelling's extension of time expired.

Columbus Avenue

A protest by property owners on Columbus avenue against the opening and widening of that street was then read by the Clerk. It was signed by eight tax payers representing 21 out of the 32 lots in the district. Mr. W. H. Young, who had circulated the petition and who was one of the signers, told the Council that only one property owner desired the opening of the street. On motion of Veselich it was referred to the City Engineer who later in the session reported that the frontage represented by the protest was 2287.58 feet, that the total frontage was 3766.34 or 404.41 more than one-half the frontage. Moved by Trustee Seal that the Board finds the protest is signed by more than the majority of the frontage and therefore orders proceedings to be dropped. Carried.

Street Names

The changes in the names of streets proposed by the City Engineer were then considered and the City Attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance embodying the proposed changes in the names of streets.

The City Marshal was also instructed to prepare signs to regulate traffic on Brand Boulevard to be placed at

the ends of the boulevard and at crossings.

The following demands were approved and ordered paid:

Litchfield Lumber \$3.45; Volunteer Fire Dept., \$4.50; W. E. Edwards \$40.50; Tropico Sentinel \$2.12; and \$8.10; State Compensation Ins. Fund \$46.55; Tropico Hardware \$5.52; E. C. Fairfield \$40.00; C. L. Jennings \$75.00.

The Board then adjourned.

EXPENSE OF STATE GOVERNMENT

During the past year or two, there has been much discussion as to the per capita cost of state government in California as compared to other states. Many statements have been made with no authority whatever, and based upon such various methods of computation as suited the fancy of the writer.

State Controller John S. Chambers in his forthcoming biennial report will state the correct per capita as follows: for 1911-12, \$3.75; for 1912-13, \$4.80; for 1913-14, \$5.50; for 1914-15, \$6.00, or an average for the five year period of \$5.12.

For 1915-16 the total disbursements were \$16,674,552.50, or approximately \$5.50 per capita. Of this sum nearly \$4,000,000 went for education, about \$5,000,000 for benevolent and penal institutions, and about \$1,000,000 for administrative expense, and about \$1,500,000 each for the regulative, bond interest and motor vehicle funds, while the balance was expended for legislative, judiciary and other minor activities.

BASKET GROCERY

Mr. G. E. Alexander, brother-in-law of the Robinson Brothers of the Transfer Company, is now established as a merchant in Tropico. He came here from Tennessee last spring, spending two months in Southern California. Then he returned too, but pinned for California, Arranging his affairs, he returned recently and has opened a grocery in the new K. P. building on Brand and Park avenue. Mr. Alexander is experienced in the grocery line and his business prospects are encouraging.

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EMPEROR CHARLES FRANCIS JOSEPH AND EMPRESS ZITA.

DUAL EMPIRE'S NEW MONARCH

WITHIN a short time the death of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, preceded by the removal by assassination from the line of succession of his nephew, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, has placed on the throne of the ancient dual empire the man who was known formerly as the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph. On him devolves the task of maintaining the position of Austria-Hungary at home and abroad.

Before Francis Ferdinand met his tragic death, with his morganatic wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, at the hands of a young Serb in Sarajevo, it was predicted freely that he would be the last emperor to rule over united Austria and Hungary, with the many other divisions of the old empire. But Francis Ferdinand did not live to wear the famous historic iron crown, and it remains to be seen how long it will rest on the head of his nephew, Charles Francis Joseph.

The new emperor is the son of the Archduke Otto, who was the younger brother of Francis Ferdinand. Archduke Otto was born at Graz in 1865 and died in Vienna in 1906. The mother of the new emperor was a Saxon princess. He himself is a Hapsburg.

Emperor in a Public School.

Charles Francis Joseph was born at Persenbeug on Aug. 17, 1887. He attended the Vienna public schools, something previously unheard of in his family, and to this association with the sons of workmen the beginning of his popularity with the people of his empire is said to be due. Before his accession he held high military rank in the powerful Austrian army and held honorary commissions in the Eleventh Prussian hussars, the First Saxon uhlans and the Thirteenth Bavarian infantry. Among the honorary orders of which he was a member are those of the Golden Fleece, the Black Eagle and St. Hubert.

The public school life of Charles Francis Joseph lasted only a short time. Under the supervision of his mother, Archduchess Maria Josepha, governesses and private tutors looked after the young archduke until he was fourteen, while the emperor also took much interest in his course of studies.

At fourteen he entered the Schottische gymnasium in Vienna, a school

attached to the convent of the Benedictines, founded by Scotch monks who came to Austria in the sixteenth century. As a member of the imperial family the young archduke came of age at eighteen, when he received the order of the Golden Fleece, and at the same time entered the army as lieutenant in an aristocratic cavalry regiment.

Must Know Many Languages.

It was then that his serious education as a future monarch and ruler began. The experience and special knowledge required from any sovereign in these days demand a tremendous amount of perseverance, labor and natural ability, but in the case of the Hapsburgs these are still further increased by the polyglot character of the empire over which they rule. The emperor of Austria and king of Hungary must speak at least half a dozen tongues.

The archduke began his state education at Prague under the guidance of high military officers. A seemingly bewildering but really carefully well thought out plan of study was prepared for the archduke, covering a wide range of statecraft. It included canon and ecclesiastical law, constitutional law, administrative procedure, common law, civil law and civil procedure, commercial law, banking law and criminal law and procedure. In addition to this complex mass of legal studies the archduke had also to study national economy, political economy, financial science and commercial politics. At the same time the young archduke was engaged in learning his military duties and in his odd time keeping up what he had learned of French, Italian, Hungarian, Polish and Czech, besides his native German tongue.

He Has a Good Memory.

He inherited the wonderful memory and intellectuality of the Hapsburgs, which enabled him to assimilate a fair sum of general knowledge in a comparatively brief time.

He is credited with the possession of tact, the ability to say the right thing at the right time and in the right manner to everybody with whom he is brought in contact. He shows an intelligent interest in many subjects, and especially in all military affairs, therein following the example of his great-uncle, Francis Joseph. Like the emperor, too, he is an enthusiastic sportsman, and whenever his military duties permit he is eager to have a few days' hunting.

His wife, the Empress Zita, is a member of the Bourbon house of Parma. The duchy was made a part of the kingdom of Italy after the war of 1859, and since that time the principal residence of the family has been at

the castle of Schwarzau, not far from Vienna. It was here that the Princess Zita was married on Oct. 21, 1911. She was born at the Villa Pianore, near Viareggio, on May 9, 1892.

Empress Member of Large Family.

Of her eighteen brothers and sisters many are feeble minded, but the Archduchess Zita herself has always been extremely healthy and of considerable mental brilliancy. She received an old fashioned convent education, but is fond of tennis, hunting and outdoor sports in general and already has made a position for herself at the imperial court.

As usual, it is said that her union with the archduke was the result of a love match. In this case some color seems to be lent to the theory by the strong belief that the emperor had wanted Charles Francis Joseph to marry a daughter of the Archduchess Maria Valeria, his own favorite daughter, who was married in 1890 to the Archduke Franz Salvator of Hapsburg-Tuscany. Aside from his reputed disappointment at the failure of this plan, the old emperor is said to have been reluctant to see his grandnephew marry into the family of Parma, which contains so many subnormal members. The Princess Zita, however, impressed him so favorably after he had begun to make her acquaintance that the emperor, thinking of his dead wife, is said to have exclaimed that Zita would be a second Elizabeth.

The first child of the emperor and Empress Zita is a son, Francis Joseph Otto, born at the Villa Wartholz, near Reichenau, on Nov. 20, 1912. On Jan. 4, 1914, a daughter was born. Francis Joseph Otto is the new heir apparent.

Charles Francis Joseph and his wife were childhood playmates on the grounds of the Archduchess Maria Theresa in Vienna. But after that the two seldom met, as Zita was educated at a convent in Bavaria. She led such a retired life that it is said she met no man at all during those years of her girlhood.

Empress Zita enjoys an out of doors life and is fond of joining her husband when he goes upon shooting excursions. She enjoys tennis and other less strenuous sports.

New Ruler a Devout Catholic.

In foreign policy it is said to be quite certain that the Emperor Charles Francis Joseph will prove a strong supporter of Germany and of the triple alliance.

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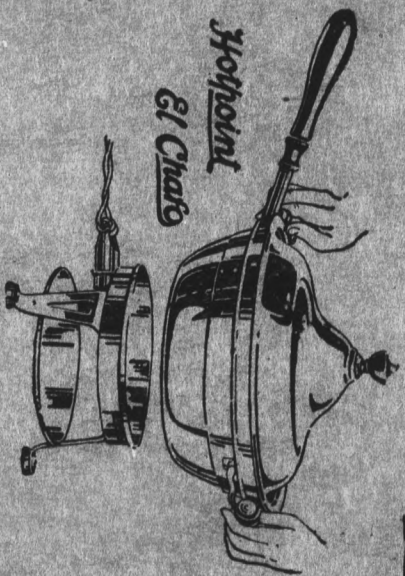
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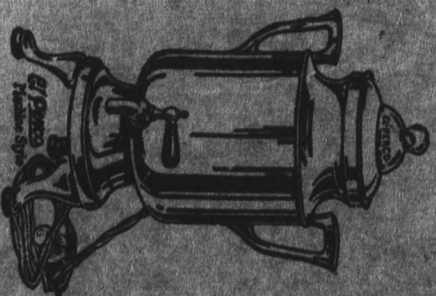
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